

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation: Petroleum Engineers (17-2171)**

**Associated Occupation: Geological and Petroleum Technicians (19-4041)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 81

**Focus Occupation: Petroleum Engineers (17-2171)**

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Mathematics	9.2	14.8	17.4	>	Current knowledge level is likely sufficient
Computers and Electronics	8.4	14.4	14.2	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Engineering and Technology	5.7	12.0	22.0	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Geography	3.9	11.6	9.4	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Physics	4.3	11.2	15.3	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Chemistry	4.8	10.7	11.6	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 83

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Science	4.5	9.8	10.5	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Mathematics	6.2	7.8	10.1	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Troubleshooting	4.5	6.1	4.5	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Equipment Selection	3.3	4.7	2.5	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 92			
Focus Occupation: Petroleum Engineers (17-2171)					
Associated Occupation: Geological and Petroleum Technicians (19-4041)					
Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Written Comprehension	11.0	13.0	15.7	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Oral Comprehension	12.5	12.6	15.0	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Oral Expression	12.4	12.3	15.2	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Near Vision	11.1	11.1	11.5	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	10.7	14.2	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient
Information Ordering	9.9	10.7	12.9	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Written Expression	9.8	10.7	14.8	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	10.4	13.0	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Category Flexibility	9.0	10.3	12.6	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Flexibility of Closure	7.8	9.9	9.8	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Mathematical Reasoning	6.3	8.4	11.7	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient
Number Facility	6.3	8.4	9.4	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 76
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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Adhere to safety procedures	12	
Analyze scientific research data or investigative findings	27	
Analyze technical data, designs, or preliminary specifications	47	
Collect scientific or technical data	30	
Communicate technical information	4	
Compile numerical or statistical data	38	
Develop or maintain databases	30	
Develop tables depicting data	33	
Direct and coordinate activities of workers or staff	3	
Examine engineering documents for completeness or accuracy	62	
Explain complex mathematical information	30	

Follow safe waste disposal procedures	50
Perform safety inspections in construction or resource extraction setting	46
Prepare reports	8
Prepare safety reports	60
Read technical drawings	7
Understand engineering data or reports	48
Understand properties of gases or liquids	78
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3
Use hazardous materials information	35
Use mathematical or statistical methods to identify or analyze problems	30
Use physical science research techniques	68
Use quantitative research methods	35
Use relational database software	26
Use scientific research methodology	21
Use spreadsheet software	18
Use word processing or desktop publishing software	17

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 82

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Business function specific software	1
Computer data input devices	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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